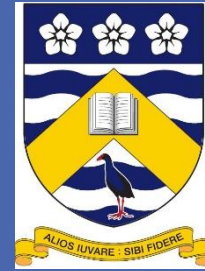




Morrinsville College



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A NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL MR JOHN INGER



Welcome Back To Term 3

Term 3 is a very important term for our senior students, in particular in picking up credits to ensure their NCEA success. This term will go by quickly and in Term 4 our seniors will only be back here for two-and-a-half weeks before they leave us for study leave from Thursday 3 November, with the NCEA external exams beginning on **Monday 7 November** and running

through until Tuesday 6 December. This also means that our seniors should shortly be planning their revision programme ahead of both the external exams and the internal school practice exams which run from **Monday 26 to Friday 30 September**. The internal exams will give our students a very good guide as to what they need to revise in their study programmes, the areas which they are not so good at.

I am also expecting that within three or four weeks quite a few of our learning areas will begin offering lunchtime tutorials to help those students who need extra work to complete internal assessments to gain a few more credits and/or to prepare for their external exams. It is important that our students are prepared to give up some of their lunchtimes to take advantage of these extra tutorials.

Our students are currently tracking pretty well overall with their credit gathering, despite the ongoing disruptions that all schools are facing this year. Four students have gained NCEA Level 1, and quite a few students are not far off achieving this. We are especially pleased because 27 students at Level 2 have already gained sufficient credits, which is very encouraging. Two students have gained Level 3, which is earlier than we usually see at the start of Term Three, with a further 20 students following closely behind.

For those students who have already gained their NCEA qualification, this is not an opportunity to slacken their efforts. Many will be aiming to gain Excellence or Merit endorsements so this will require continued hard work, but, for everyone, school is more than just about achieving NCEA; it's about learning as much as you can and developing the best possible learning habits while you're at school.

Staff Changes

At the start of this week we welcomed **Mr Anirudh Kumar** to our staff to teach Digital Technologies Computer Science. Mr Kumar has come to us from Fiji to replace **Mr Jesse Watson**. We have been very impressed with Mr Kumar, who is a very personable, friendly and professional man and who has an excellent knowledge of high-level digital technology.



We have also welcomed back **Mr Vance Symon** from his sabbatical in Term 2. Mr Symon is very refreshed and is even cheekier than his usual cheeky, humorous self.

Student Council Workday

I remind parents that our annual Student Council Workday will be held on **Monday 15 August**. Our students are fundraising this year to add funds to those which last year's Student Council put aside to construct a bus shelter at our main school entrance. Our Student Council hopes that all of our students will be able to find a job on Monday 15 August so that they can raise at least \$25 to contribute to their fundraising efforts and give something back to the school for future students to enjoy. Last week our students received a letter to students' parents and caregivers which provides information about the workday and our expectations, and also a work intention form which students are asked to get their employer to complete and sign, before returning it to their learning coach ahead of the workday. I ask parents to please encourage their sons and daughters to actively seek a job for workday.



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR**Triennial Board Elections**

Nominations are now open for the election of *three* parent representatives to the school Board of Trustees. All eligible voters should have received a nomination covering letter and nomination form by email. (A nomination form is also attached at the end of this newsletter).

You can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. Information on who is not eligible to be a Board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you require more information, please contact our Returning Officer, Mrs Grace Martin, on 889 8308 Extn 204. **Nominations close at noon on Friday 19 August.** You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school Office and can be viewed during normal school hours. As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Emergency Lockdown

The Board is very proud of the way the Principal, members of the Senior Leadership Team, staff and students reacted to the bomb threat which was received last Tuesday just before noon. We are also very grateful for the excellent Police response which quickly saw no fewer than nine police cars and many police officers on-site in a very short space of time. The Police team was able to give very good advice to the Principal, so that he could make key decisions in what was a very fluid and changing situation, because there were so many unknowns in terms of this bomb threat. We were very proud of our students who responded quickly and appropriately by going into lockdown and later moving out on to the fields, before many were able to leave the danger of the school grounds to go home or, in the case of bus students, to leave the school grounds and return to catch their buses later. We are also very grateful to Office staff members Mrs Holten and Mrs Martin who very competently coordinated the communications with parents as to what was happening. We must also thank you, the parents, for trusting that our evacuation procedures would be undertaken carefully and to ensure as best we could in the fluidity of the situation, that your sons and daughters were kept safe. It was particularly pleasing that we did not have a rush of parents coming up to the school, which could well have created a very dangerous situation for both parents and students. The Board hopes that the offenders, who have since targeted many other schools in our country last week, will be apprehended.

Much Ado About Nothing

Much Ado About Nothing is a comedic play by William Shakespeare about misunderstandings, love and deception. Parents and students who attended the recent Drama production *Revolution* may well be interested in attending a modernised *Much Ado About Nothing*, which is being put on by our junior Drama students on Thursday evening this week, 4 August. There will be two performances of this show in our Performing Arts Centre, one at 5pm and one at 7pm, which will give parents and community members some flexibility in deciding which suits them best. The cost of entry will be \$15, to help us to pay for many costs associated with these shows, including costume hire and set. Tickets are available from the Morrinsville College Office or there will be cash sales at the door.

There was also to have been a senior part to this show but this has had to be rescheduled for this coming Wednesday evening, 3 August at 6.30pm, also in the PAC, and that is for family and friends to watch, at a cost of just \$5.

**Swimming**

The New Zealand Secondary Schools' Swimming Champs were held at Waterworld in Hamilton from Thursday afternoon last week through until Sunday. There were over 700 swimmers competing for their schools from all around New Zealand. **Ashton Rogers, Ayla Davie and Rylee Davie** represented Morrinsville College at these very high-level championships. It was a significant achievement for our three students simply to reach the challenging qualifying times when there were other swimmers breaking New Zealand age-group records at this event. The future is bright for swimming in New Zealand as there are some exceptional swimmers coming through the age groups.

All three of our students swam very well and obtained some personal best times, so this was very pleasing. Their results were as follows:

Ashton Rogers (17-18 year males). 100m Individual Medley 26th; 100m Backstroke 21st; 50m Breaststroke 30th; 100m Freestyle 32nd; 50m Butterfly 29th (PB); 100m Butterfly 18th; 200m Freestyle 22nd; 200m Individual Medley 24th; 50m Freestyle 23rd.

Ayla Davie (16-year girls). 50m Breaststroke 24th; 100m Freestyle 38th; 50m Butterfly 32nd (PB); 50m Backstroke 29th; 50m Freestyle 43rd.

Rylee Davie (14-year girls). 50m Breaststroke 51st; 50m Backstroke 55th (PB); 50m Freestyle 48th (PB).

As there are no more secondary schools' events remaining for Ashton to attend before finishing Year 13, this is a very appropriate time for me to pass on our huge thanks to both Vicki and Nigel Rogers for their outstanding support over a period of many years while their daughter Jordan and son Ashton have been at Morrinsville College. They have attended, officiated and offered their wise advice at all of our Morrinsville College swimming events over this extended period of time, they have attended a wide range of events each year in support of all those of our students who have competed and Vicki has always advised the school of our students' results very promptly. The school depends upon parents to support the many sports and cultural activities which our students are involved with. Their contribution to this has been enormous!

Dairy Industry

Congratulations to Gabrielle Scherer who travelled to Palmerston North to the Holstein Friesian Conference at the end of Term Two and who was awarded the Arapeta Trophy for placing first in New Zealand for the 2022 All New Zealand Calf Class in cattle showing.



College Cuisine

We have four Year 12 and four Year 13 teams for a total of eight different restaurants running over Weeks 6, 7 and 8 of this term. The Years 12 and 13 students are all mixed together. These teams will plan their menus and send out invitations to friends and family whom they know in order get together a group of 'customers' to enjoy their food on their evening. The first of these will start on Wednesday 31 August and the last will be on Thursday 15 September.

RECENT SPORTS RESULTS

National Gymnastics

Sabrina Chong (Year 9) and **Mia Abapo** (Year 11) competed at the New Zealand Gymnastics Championships over the July school holidays. Mia competed in Step 5 and won a silver medal on the uneven bars. This was an outstanding achievement! Sabrina was placed 5th overall for Step 8, which was also a notable achievement.



Basketball

Well done to our three regional representatives at the recent Under 15 Basketball National Championships,



Rico Dare, Delana Kidd and **Kayley McMillan**. A special mention to Rico who is a member of the Te Aroha/Thames Valley team who ended up 5th in New Zealand. This was a great achievement for a small association.

Karl Haddock was part of the Waikato Under 17 Country team who came 7th at the Nationals. Congratulations too to Mr Colin Vette who was the assistant coach for this team.



Hockey

Alex Dewhurst and **Ayla Davie** were members of the Thames Valley Under 16 Hockey team and they competed in tournaments during the holidays.

In a recent school game our girls' 1st XI hockey team drew 1-1 against Sacred Heart Girls' College.

Our boys drew 1-1 with Hamilton BHS Senior Social.

Netball

Open A defeated FTNC Premier 31-25.

Senior A lost 29-36 to Sacred Heart GC Premier Reserve.

Junior Premier (Year 10) lost 20-35 to Hamilton GHS.

MC Junior Development lost 12-13 to Te Wharekura o Kirikiriroa.

Lacrosse

MC Boys lost 4-11 to Cambridge HS Premier Boys.

Girls' Premier lost 7-8 to Hillcrest HS Premier.

Girls' Development defeated St Peter's School 21-7.

Rugby

Morrinsville College Under 15 played Te Wharekura O Kaokaoroa from Putaruru. Rico Dare starred, scoring a hat-trick of tries. Caleb Garrett and Jayden van Kessel carried the ball strongly, putting our boys on the front foot to attack. Forwards and backs combined nicely, creating numerous scoring opportunities. However, our fitness lacked in the second half, allowing Kaokaoroa back into the match, so that the final score was a 32-29 victory. Our boys have been very successful in their competition and so they now move on to the semi-finals next week.

Our 1st XV boys travelled to Te Kuiti High School to compete against a very big and skilful team. Our boys' efforts and discipline were excellent throughout the game and they never gave up. Blake Barlow scored an outstanding individual try, pushing off several players in reaching the try line. The final score was a 7-32 loss.

John Inger

FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - MR SCOTT JENKINS

NCEA Information

Tomorrow the NCEA information on our school website will be updated, as we do each year after we complete our assessment moderation cycle with NZQA. Guidelines for student assessment practices, a template to apply for extensions and the 2022 NCEA External Exam Timetable will all be added to the NCEA section on our website. In the next few weeks, we will also be adding the timetable for our internal school exams which will be held in Week 10 of this term.



It is important to point out that these practice exams will be the primary source of evidence if teachers are required to enter a derived grade for a student who might be absent from the external exams, or if the school is required to enter an Unexpected Event Grade for all students as we were required to do last year due to the impact of Covid. **This means that our students should study well for our internal exams and endeavour to do the best that they possibly can.** Students should also now be talking to their teachers about which external standards they will be sitting, as this needs to be confirmed very shortly this term.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 2 August	Life Education presentations (Years 9-11)
Wednesday 3 August	Senior Drama <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> , 6.30pm (friends and family \$5)
Thursday 4 August	Junior Drama <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> 5pm and 7pm (\$15)
Wednesday 3 August	Netball Tournament – Open A, Jun Prem
Tuesday 9 August	Junior Get2Go Event
Wednesday 10 August	'Attitude' Health Presentation
Monday 15 August	Accord Teacher-Only Day
Monday 15 August	Student Council Workday
Tuesday 16 August	Rotorua Lakes Sports Exchange
Wednesday 17 August	BOT Meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 23 August	Matamata Cultural Exchange
Sun 28 Aug – Fri 2 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
Monday 29 August	Morrinsville College Mid-Term Break
Monday 5 September	Sports/Cultural Photos
Wed 7 to Fri 9 Sept	JEEP MERC Trip
Saturday 10 September	Senior School Ball
Tue 13 – Sat 17 Sept	Year 10 Camp 1
Sat 17 – Wed 21 Sept	Year 10 Camp 2
Mon 26 – Fri 30 Sept	Senior Internal Exams/Assessments
Friday 30 September	End of Term 3
Monday 17 October	Start of Term 4

Morrinsville College Board of Trustees' Election

NOMINATION FORM

Parent Representative

School Name	MORRINSVILLE COLLEGE
School profile Number	126

This nomination paper should be posted or delivered or emailed to the Returning Officer at **Morrinsville College, PO Box 325 Morrinsville 3340 (clearly marked BOT Nomination Form)**, hand deliver to **Morrinsville College Office, Alexandra Avenue Morrinsville** or emailed to grace-martin@morrroll.school.nz so that it is received no later than noon on **Friday 19 August**.

Nominator Details

Full Name	
Address/Email	
Phone	
Signature	

NOTE: The nominator must be on the roll for the election, otherwise the nomination is invalid.

Candidate details

Full Name	
Email	
Phone	

Candidate declaration of eligibility

I declare that I have read and understand the ineligibility criteria for school Board members, under clauses 9 and 10 of Schedule 23 of the Education and Training Act 2020, and declare that I am eligible to become a Board member. I hereby consent to the above nomination and declare that all other information that I have listed on this form is true and correct.

Date	Signature of Candidate
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Candidates are requested to complete the following on an optional basis*:

- Gender: Female / Male / Gender Diverse (circle one)
- Previous experience: (tick one)
 - Current representative standing for re-election
 - Current co-opted or appointed board member standing for election
 - Not a current member but have previously been a member of a school board
 - No previous board experience
 - Other

3. Ethnicity:

Which ethnic group or groups do you identify with? (tick as appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NZ Māori | <input type="checkbox"/> European (Including NZ European/Pākehā) | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific people | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern/Latin American/African (MELAA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

**This candidate information is collected by the Ministry of Education for statistical purposes only and will not be used in a manner in which you may be identified. This information is not required for valid nomination.*

Section 103 of the Education Act 1989 lists the categories of persons who are not eligible to be elected, appointed or co-opted as trustees. The list is set out below.

A person who:

- is an undischarged bankrupt; or
- is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in the management of, a company under sections 382, 383 or 385 of the Companies Act 1993; or
- is a permanently appointed member of the Board staff, unless they are standing for election as a staff representative; or
- contracts or sub-contracts with the Board without the approval of the Secretary of Education and receives payments exceeding \$25,000 in any financial year (this provision is set out in section 103A of the Education Act). This would also cover situations where a person has a 10% or more shareholding in the contracting company or a company that controls the contracting company; or
- is subject to a property order under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988; or
- is a person in respect of whom a personal order has been made under that Act that either the person is not competent to manage his or her own property affairs, or does not have the capacity to communicate/make decisions relating to his/her welfare/personal care; or
- is a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for 2 years or more, or who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any other offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon, served the sentence, or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed on the person; or
- is not a New Zealand citizen, and is –
 - a person to whom section 15 or 16 of the Immigration Act 2009 applies; or
 - a person obliged, by or pursuant to that Act, to leave New Zealand immediately or within a specified time, being a time that was less than 12 months; or
 - deemed for the purposes of that Act to be in New Zealand unlawfully.

No person who has been appointed returning officer for an election of trustees is eligible to be nominated as a candidate in the election.

A student representative is a student (other than an adult student) enrolled full-time in year 9 or above at a school administered by the Board.

Section 103B Requirements before Appointment

Before a person is elected, co-opted, or appointed as a trustee, the person must confirm to the governing board that he or she is, to the best of his or her knowledge, eligible to be a trustee, having regard to the grounds of ineligibility in section 103.

Please note: This information has been prepared as general advice and it is not intended to be legal advice in relation to any specific circumstances.

For more information about persons ineligible to be trustees, refer to section 103 of the Education Act 1989, or call:

NZSTA Helpdesk 0800 782 435